

“RIVER OF DREAMS”

Mississippi River Partnering Conference

“Join the
Dialogue”



“Discuss the
Water
Resource

June 15-17, 2000

Regal Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARTNERS –

You will have an opportunity to join the dialogue, share information, and interact with others concerning the water resource challenges for the Mississippi River and the nation. The following six challenges are a good starting point, but if you have others, they will be discussed during the Listening Session.

LISTENING SESSION

Water Resource Challenges

Aging Infrastructure

Much of the commerce that travels up and down the nation's waterways travels through Corps-built structures. Most of the locks, dams, and channels are built and maintained by the Corps. However, over the years, the investment in the nation's water infrastructure has not kept pace with the demands placed upon it. Much work needs to be done to keep pace with the growing demands and to maintain the waterway infrastructure for the future.

Environmental Restoration

Even though the water resources projects built today include built-in environmental protection, the environment is still suffering from past actions. Some forests, grasslands, and wetlands have been damaged during the construction of projects. Much has been done to remediate and restore these ecosystems, but much still needs to be done to clean up, restore and improve the environment.

Emergency Response

Natural disasters cost the nation \$300 million a week in damages. Disasters in the form of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and tornados strike virtually everywhere in the nation. It costs people their lives, homes, livelihoods, and sense of well-being. Much has been done to prepare for and mitigate these disasters but more can be done. Our nation's capability to respond to natural disasters is being stretched. The nation needs to maintain an effective response capability.

Challenges (continued)

Marine Transportation System

Every year the nation moves more than \$1 trillion in and out of its ports and harbors. In 20 years it is expected the commerce will double. However, we are nearly at capacity. In order to maintain our economic potential, we must improve the capability of our marine transportation system by moving with the rest of the world into more efficient means of transportation.

Flood Control

Since 1950, flood control projects have prevented nearly \$500 billion in damages. Even though there are nearly 400 lakes and reservoirs, and 8,500 miles of levees and dikes, less than a quarter of all communities at risk have any type of protection or insurance. Just which communities will be flooded and how extensive is unknown. What is known is that more can be done to help prevent or minimize any floods in the future.

Smart Growth

The water infrastructure of many urbanized areas is beginning to show signs of decay. Water supply systems are crumbling and finding clean sources and protecting them from contamination are becoming harder to do. In the West, finding adequate quantities is a major problem. With a growing population, all of these areas must be addressed.

ST. LOUIS

What a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in the Gateway city. What a perfect setting for this gathering of people interested in the Mississippi River and the Valley. Be prepared for an interesting, fast-paced conference, but bring your spouse and enjoy the pleasures of old St. Louis. An icebreaker is planned for Thursday evening (June 15) and a banquet will be held on Friday evening (June 16). No formal Spouses' activities are planned for Friday, but transportation will be available for shopping and other activities. Check at registration desk.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Room space at the Regal Riverfront Hotel is available for only \$69.00 per night. Call (1-800-325-7353 or (314) 241-9500) for your reservation. The conference rate is good for 3 days before and after the conference. This rate will be held until May 22, 2000, so make your reservations early.

DRAFT AGENDA

JUNE 15 (Thursday)

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Registration
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Ice Breaker (Cash Bar) (Dinner on your own)

JUNE 16 (Friday)

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration	
8:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Mr. Louis Carr, Mississippi Valley Division
8:10 a.m.	Welcome	COL Mike Morrow, St. Louis District Engineer
8:20 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks	MG Phillip Anderson, Cmdr, Mississippi Valley Division
8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Mississippi River Caucus Members/Staff	MG Phillip Anderson, Moderator
9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Mississippi River Navigator Presentations	Mr. Owen Dutt and Captain Robert Innes
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Panel Addressing Water Resource Challenges for the Mississippi River	Mr. Don Basham, Mississippi Valley Division, Moderator
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Listening Session	Professional Facilitators
6:00 p.m.	Reception (Cash Bar)	
7:00 p.m.	Banquet w/ Speaker	Speaker to be Determined

JUNE 17 (Saturday)

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Summary Reports	
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Mississippi River Caucus Members/Staff	MG Phillip Anderson, Moderator
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Summary and Closing Remarks	MG Phillip Anderson
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Circle Applicable Title (for name badge) Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Dr. / Prof. / P.E. / RA / other _____

Organization _____

Address _____

(Street or Post Office Box)

Phone # _____ (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail _____

REGISTRATION

(Please Register by May 30, 2000)

PARTNERING CONFERENCE (Including Listening Session)

Basic Conference (all meetings) Number _____ x \$60.00 each \$ _____

Icebreaker Number _____

Banquet Number _____ x \$34.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

LISTENING SESSION Only
(Friday Afternoon 1-5 pm)

Check Box
(no charge)

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Payment is Required with Registration -- Make Checks Payable to MRPC

Mail registration along with payment to:

USACE, Mississippi Valley Division
ATTN: Mr. Jim Sherman III
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200 S. 4th Street

St. Louis, MO 63102

Conference Rate \$69.00 plus tax

Hotel rooms are blocked for the conference until May 22, 2000.

Please mention the name of the conference when registering

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